Statement-II

Details of the funds released to Himachal Pradesh alongwith expenditure as reported by the State Government in respect of Accelerated Urban Water Supply Scheme

(Amount Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Town	Project Cost	Funds released*		Expenditure upto Dec., 1999
			By the Govt. of India	By the State Govt.	
1.	Rewalsar	39.00	8.79	33.23	51.65
2.	Chowari	39.50	(1993-94)	26.28	46.03
3.	Dehra	146.60	9.88	128.57	199.51
4.	Rohru	101.00	(1994-95)	85.31	137.62
5.	Sarkaghat	117.90	82.83	96.45	107.91
6.	Chopal (sanctioned in November, 1999)	193.00	(1995-96) 16.60 (1996-97) 44.95		
7.	Dalhousie (sanctioned in January, 2000)	433.00	(1997-98) 58.95 (1998-99) 156.50 (1999-2000)		
	TOTAL	1070.00	378.50	369.84	542.72

Amount to be utilised — Rs. 205.62 Lakh

* Central Government sanctions the schemes received from the state Government after scrutinising them and funds are released to the State Government for all the ongoing schemes depending upon the availability of funds in the particular financial year.

Inclusion of More Backward Classes in OBC List

*55. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have included more backward classes in the Central

List of OBCs in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the backward classes which have been included in the Central List from the State of Gujarat;

(d) the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore;

(e) whether the State Government of Gujarat have made recommendations in this regard; and

(f) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and action proposed in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Recently, inclusion/amendment in the Central List of OBCs have been brought out vide Gazette of India Notification No. 241 dated 27.10.99 and No. 270 dated 6.12.99, copies of which are enclosed as statement. (*See*•below).

(c) and (d) In respect of the State of Gujarat, further inclusions/amendment in the list he made vide Gazette Notifications dated 27.10.99 and 6.12.99, are appended.

(e) and (f) The Government of Gujarat has requested the Commission to remcommend for inclusion of certain castes as backward classes. NCBC, which examines requests for inclusion/amendment in the Central List as per its own prescribed procedure, has requested the State Government to provide necessary information and other documentary evidences in each case of inclusion of castes/communities proposed by the State Government.

Statement

Inclusion/Amendment in the Central List of OBCs in Respect of Gujarat Vide Notifications dt. 27.10.99 & 6.12.99

Gazette Notification No.	Serial No.	Old Entry	New Entry
241 dated 27.10.99	1	23 Ghanchi (Muslim)	23 Ghanchi (Muslim), Teli, Modh Ghanchi
	2	Nil	82 Mali
270 dated 06.12.1999	1	9 Bharwad Motabhai Bharwad	9 Bharwad (except where they are STs)

Gazette Notification No.	Serial No.	Old Entry	New Entry
270 dated 06.12.1999		Nanabhai Bharwad	Motabhai Bharwad Nanabhai Bharwad, Gadaria
-do-	2	27 Julaya, Garana Tariya and Tari (All Muslim)	27 Julaya, Garana Tariya, Tari and Ansari (All Muslim)
-do-	3	Nil.	84 Kumbhar (Prajapati, Varia)
-do-	4	Nil	85 Lakhara/Lakhwara/ Laxkar
-do-	5	Nil	86 Koshti
-do-	6	Nil	87 Swakul Sali/Sali
-do-	7	Nil	88 Kalak
-do-	8	Nil	89 Vanza (Darji) Darji/Sai Sutar
-do-	9	Nil	90 Mistri (Suthar/Sutar)
-do-	10	Nil	91 Luhar/Lohar/Panchal
-do-	11	Nil	92 Mahia (Maiya)
-do-	12	Nil	93 Rajbhar, Bhar
-do-	13	Nil	94 Chhipa

Grant to States for artificial Limbs to Handicapped

†*56. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given grants to State Governments for providing artificial limbs to handicapped persons;

(b) if so, the grant given to Rajasthan during last three years and the number of rehabilitation centres in the State;

(c) the total number of registered handicapped persons in Rajasthan; and

(d) whether a special list is prepared or census is done for handicapped?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.